

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER HARVESTING PROJECTS IN TAMILNADU
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plan to start new projects in Tamilnadu for water harvesting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing lakes and ponds in Tamilnadu are highly silted and needs to be desilted;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total amount allocated, disbursed and utilized by the State Government during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The State Government of Tamil Nadu has not submitted any project proposal to the Central Water Commission envisaging new projects for water harvesting. During IX Plan, the Central Ground Water Board had taken up demonstrative rainwater harvesting and recharge projects in the country under its Central Sector Scheme on 'Study of Recharge to Ground Water'. Under this scheme ten number of projects were approved for implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu and Rs.137.94 lakh allocated during the last three years upto 20.2.2003.

(c) to (e) Government of Tamil Nadu has not sent any proposal to the Central Water Commission regarding desilting of lakes and ponds. Irrigation being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding along with priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including desiltation of rivers and ponds primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves.